The Government of India has enacted the Building and Other Construction Workers (RECS) Act, 1996 and Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Cess Act, 1996. The first Act as mentioned above regulates the employement and conditions of service of the construction workers as well as provision of safety and health of the workers. The Cess Act provides for collection of cess @ 1% on every construction costing more than Rs. 10 lakh. The Cess so collected constitutes the welfare fund of the State concerned for implementing certain welfare measures like immediate assistance to the beneficiary in case of accident, pension, benefits, premium for group insurance schemes, loans and advances for construction of house, assistance for children education, medical benefits, maternity benefits for female beneficiaries, etc. A Special Group has been constituted to closely monitor and review the adoption and implementation of these Acts by the States. The State Government of Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Pondicherry, Gujarat, Uttaranchal and West Bengal have started its implementation.

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs also implements several Central Sector/ Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Programmes for the socio-economic development of tribal people/ tribal areas in the country. These schemes relate to their income and employment generation, infrastructure development, promotion of health, educational development and improvement in literacy. Some schemes pertain to ensuring fair prices for minor forest produce, besides promotion of voluntary effort for the upliftment of scheduled tribes. The benefits of these schemes are available for the upliftment of all tribal people who may be engaged in different occupations including those deployed for the construction work of various industries in the country.

Amount for development and welfare programmes of Tribals

†2559. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount received by Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh through Central Government for conducting tribal development and welfare programmes during the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) the contribution of foreign aid in it;

(c) the amount spent by the State Government out of its budget during the said period annually; and

(d) the details of the amount spent on the development and welfare of Primitive Tribal Groups and Aboriginals during these three years along with the achievements made?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) The amount provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs under various schemes/ programmes relating to tribal welfare/development for the States of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Chhattisgarh	Madhya Pradesh
2003-04	6672.93	12298.86
2004-05	9063.39	16745.30
2005-06	14101.26	22948.01

(b) There is no foreign aid component in the grant released by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the States of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The amount spent by the State Government out of its budget under Tribal Sub Plan, during last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Chhattisgarh	Madhya Pradesh
2003-04	808.28	752.84
2004-05	1176.68	1359.35
2005-06	1168.66	1560.43

(d) All the schemes/ programme implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes are also meant for the welfare of Primitive Tribal Groups. However, details of funds provided by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs to the State Government of Chhattisgarh and

Madhya Pradesh under the scheme for the Development of Primitive Tribal Groups and acheivements thereof is as under:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Chhattisgarh		Madhya Pradesh	
	Fund released	Expenditure reported	Fund released	Expenditure reported
2003-04	30.01	30.01	284.19	284.19
2004-05	264.37	264.37	293.21	293.21
2005-06	201.00	175.28	423.00	423.00

Policy for settlement in ST areas

2560. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a policy to allow State Government to settle Scheduled Tribes away from the Scheduled Areas into non-Scheduled Areas;

(b) the details of this policy;

(c) whether Government have given permission in 2005-06 to some State Governments to acquire tribal land from tribals; and

(d) the details of permission given in 2005-06 to different State Governments respectively?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the National Policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation (NPRR) 2003, which deals with the resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected persons, does not explicitly prohibit the resettlement of ST persons belonging to Scheduled Areas in non-Scheduled Areas.

(c) No permission of Government of India to the State Governments is required to acquire the land of tribals or non-tribals. However, the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 and the NPRR 2003, have to be followed.

(d) Does not arise.